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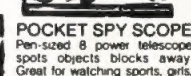
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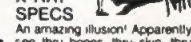
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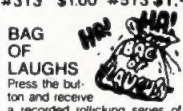


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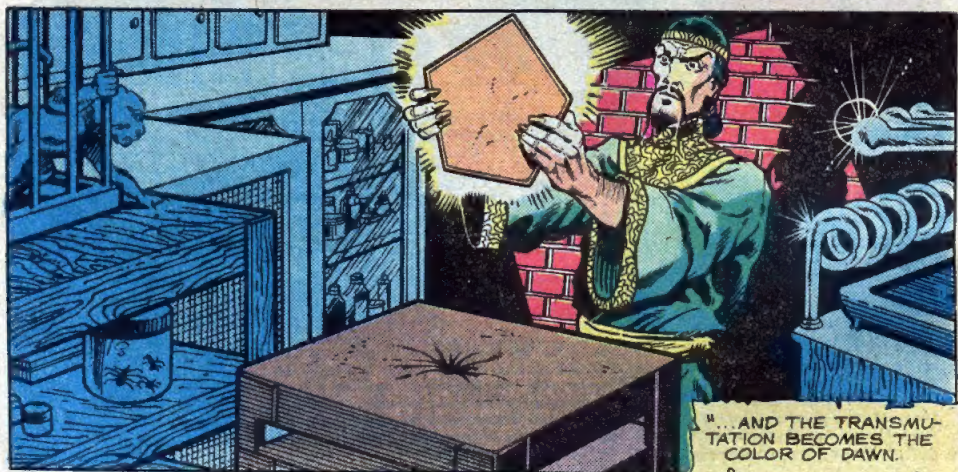
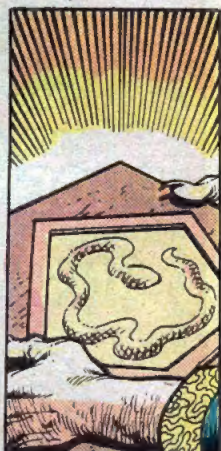
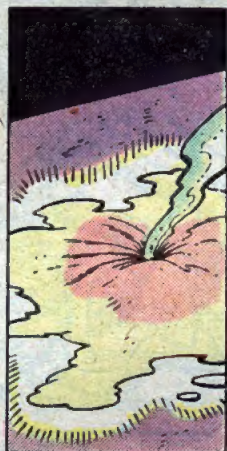
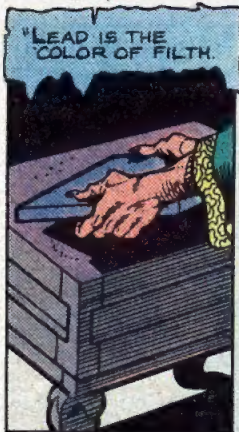
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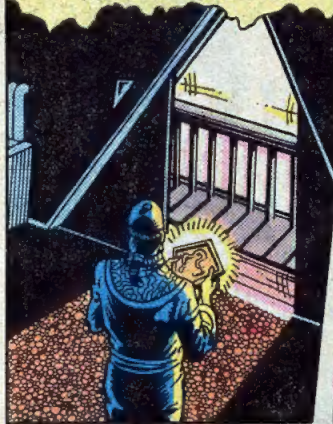
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"BUT THE ARCANES
ESSENCE PURIFIES..."

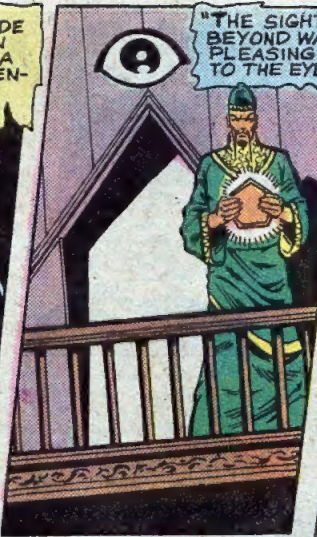


"...AND THE TRANSMU-
TATION BECOMES THE
COLOR OF DAWN."

"THE SECRET PORTAL SLID WIDE AT MY APPROACH, THE GOLDEN GIFT OF ALCHEMY HELD LIKE A BRIGHT BEACON, AND A TREMENDOUS RUSH OF SOUND FILLED MY WORK CHAMBER.

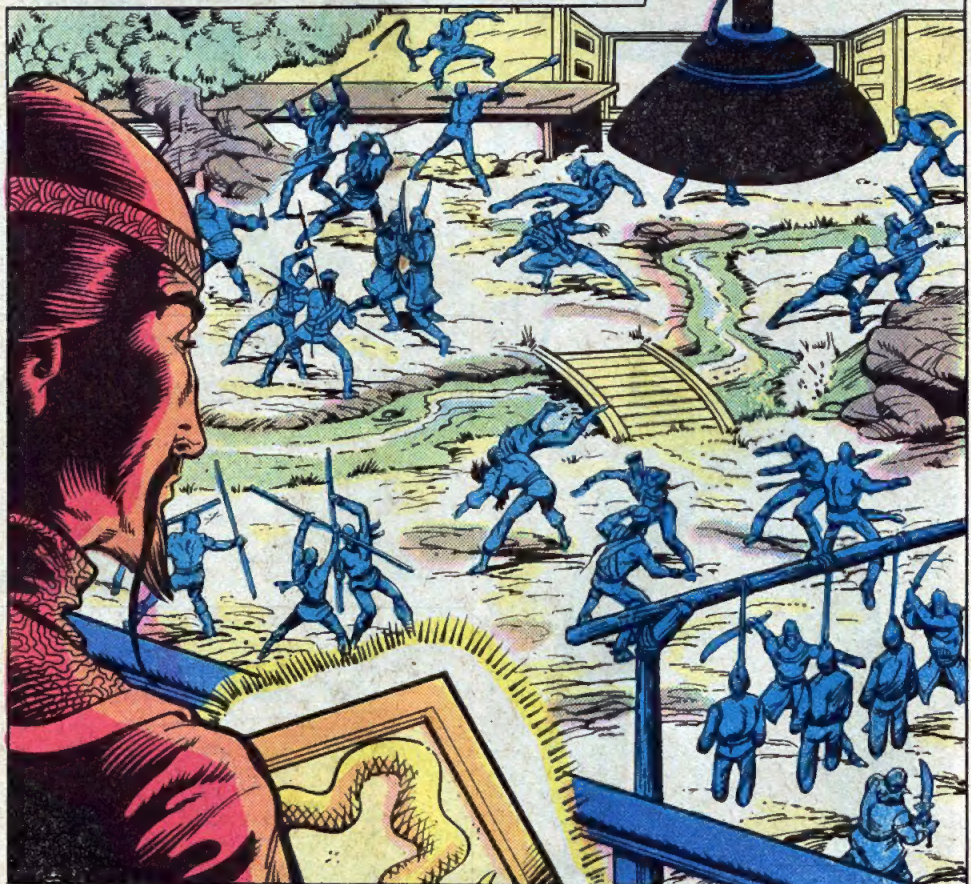


"THE SIGHT BEYOND WAS PLEASING TO THE EYE...



"...FOR THEIR PROGRESS WAS INDEED MARKED. LEGIONS OF THE PAST, ONCE-WARRIOR ENEMIES ALL, NOW GATHERED UNDER THE SECRET BANNER OF A COMMON LORD AND MASTER.

"IN UNISON, BUT NOT YET UNITED, THEIR NOISE WAS A WEIGHT OF LEAD UPON THE EAR.







SCOTLAND...

--SO THE LEOPARD CULT'S GOT BOTH THE INFO PACKET AND NOW SMITH. I DON'T BELIEVE IT...

IT WAS TO BE EXPECTED, CLIVE. IF THEY KNEW ENOUGH TO LAY IN WAIT FOR YOU CHAPS AT THE MUSEUM, THEY'D KNOW THE REST--THAT THE PACKET WAS STASHED BEHIND THE TAPESTRY.

BUT THE QUESTION STILL REMAINS, LEEKS: HOW DID THEY KNOW?

YES...MY RIDDLE WAS DESIGNED TO HAVE MEANING FOR ONLY TWO PEOPLE--NAY-LAND SMITH AND ME.

AND PETRIE AND HIS WIFE KARAMENAH.

WELL, YES, BUT KARAMENAH HAS LONG BEEN DEAD, AND PETRIE IS... AH, "INCAPACITATED," IS HE NOT?

YOU MIGHT SAY THAT.

ANYWAY, IT'S CINCHED. AIN'T IT? THE LEOPARD-CLOWNS KIDNAPED SIR DENIS AND THEY WORK FOR FU AND FU'S IN SOUTH AMERICA. SO WE'RE OFF TO SOUTH AMERICA. BUT I WONDER WHY FU'S DOWN THERE, OF ALL PLACES?

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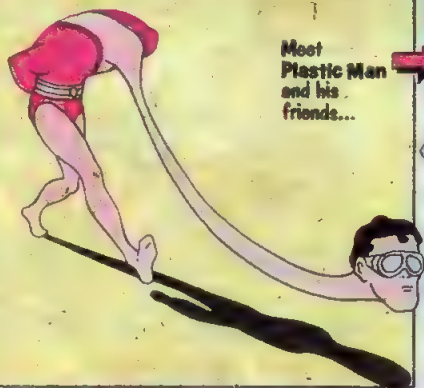
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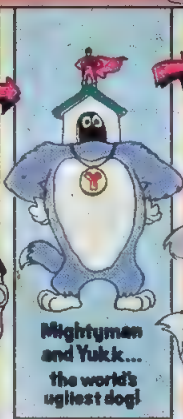


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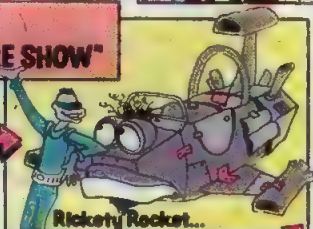
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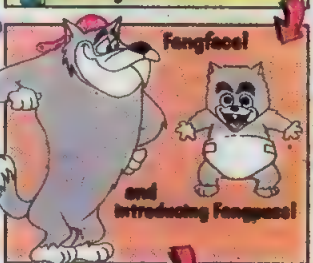
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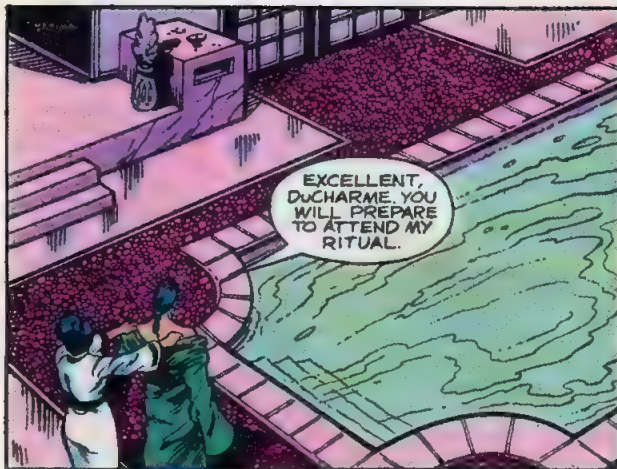
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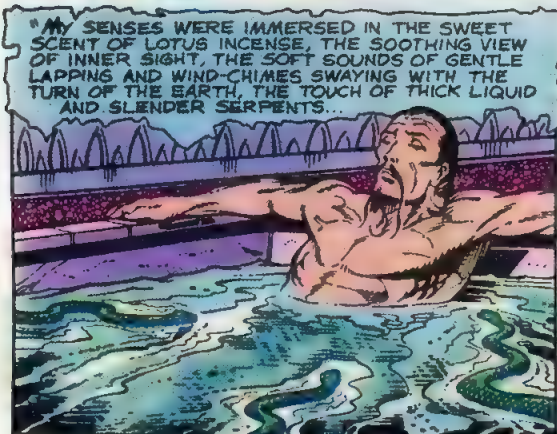
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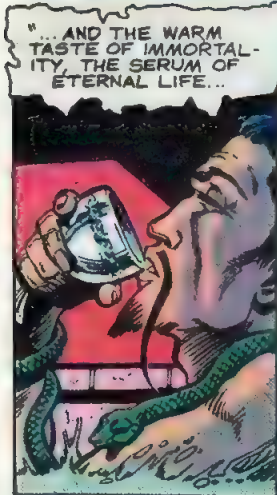
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LIQUID AND FIRE, SMOKE
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YET THE SAME.



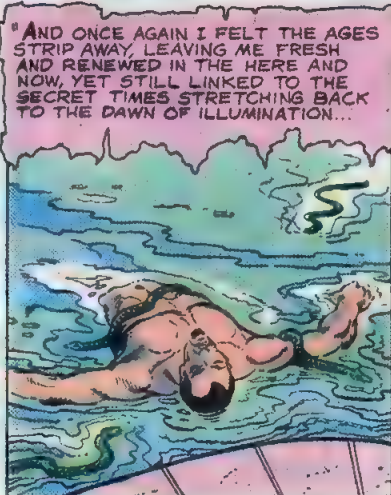
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SCENT OF LOTUS INCENSE, THE SOOTHING VIEW
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TURN OF THE EARTH, THE TOUCH OF THICK LIQUID
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THE INNER
ELIXIR,
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ONE.



"... AND THE WARM
TASTE OF IMMORTAL-
ITY, THE SERUM OF
ETERNAL LIFE...



"AND ONCE AGAIN I FELT THE AGES
STRIP AWAY, LEAVING ME FRESH
AND RENEWED IN THE HERE AND
NOW, YET STILL LINKED TO THE
SECRET TIMES STRETCHING BACK
TO THE DAWN OF ILLUMINATION...

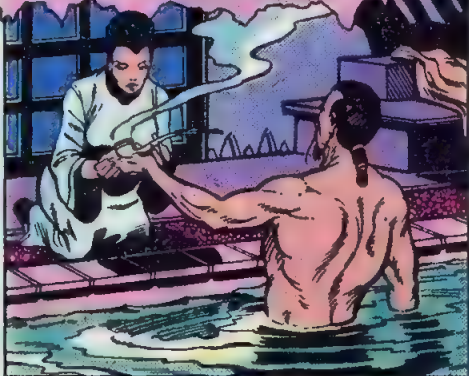


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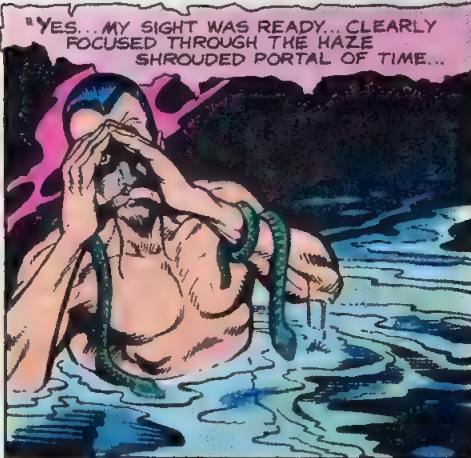
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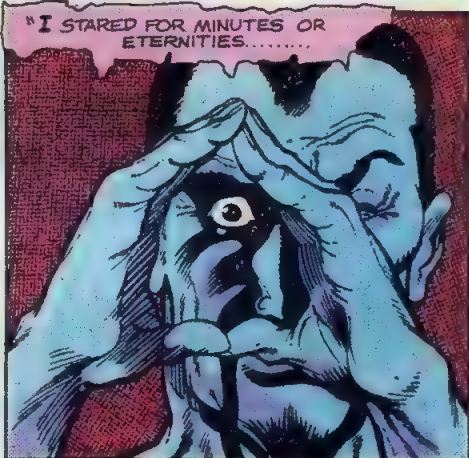
"AND THE AGES TRULY PEELED AWAY. I
DETERMINED TO LOOK INTO THE FUTURE,
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THE CLUES POINTING TO SUCCESS OR
FAILURE...



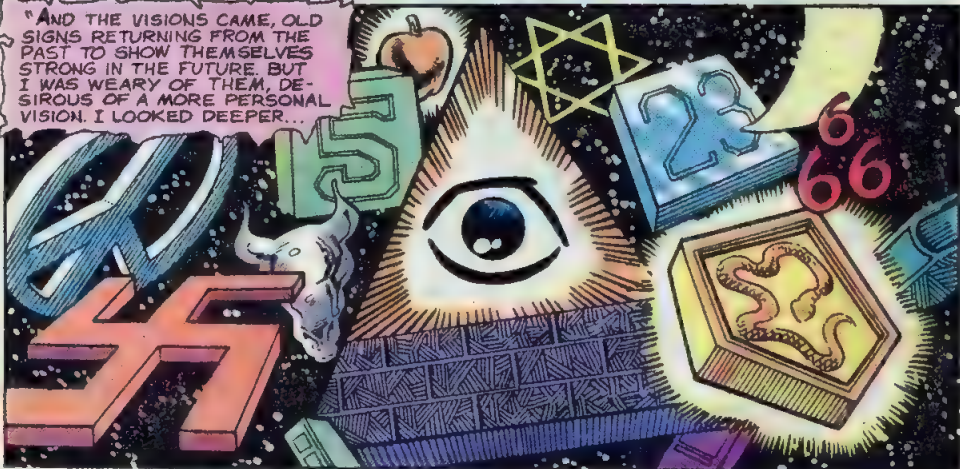
"YES...MY SIGHT WAS READY...CLEARLY
FOCUSED THROUGH THE HAZE
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"I STARED FOR MINUTES OR
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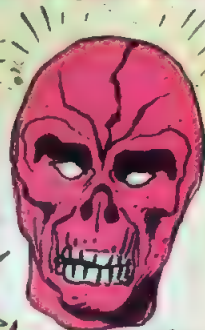


"AND THE VISIONS CAME, OLD
SIGNS RETURNING FROM THE
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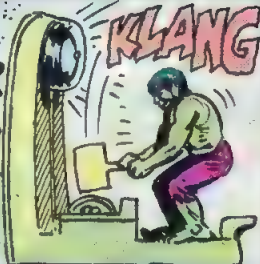
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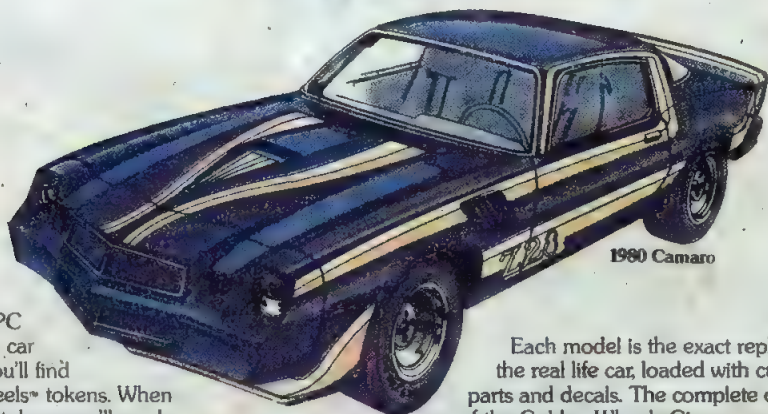
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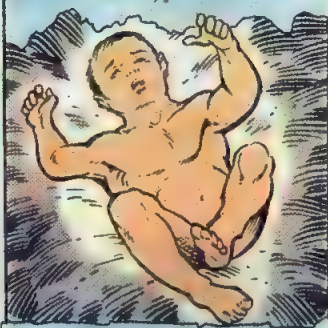
"AND, LATER, THE CREATION OF THE FATED NEW FROM THE GLORIOUS OLD. THE SIGNS WERE CLEAR! THIS TIME I WOULD SUCCEED!



"AND YET... THERE WAS ANOTHER SIGN, POSING ONE SMALL FACTOR FOR DEFEAT AGAINST MY ALMOST CERTAIN VICTORY...



"A BABY, THE SON BORN OF MY LOINS, 20 YEARS IN THE PAST, DURING THE LONG TIME OF REST AND PREPARATION. STRANGE... THAT THE ONLY ONE WHO MIGHT TURN ALL MY GOALS TO ASH--

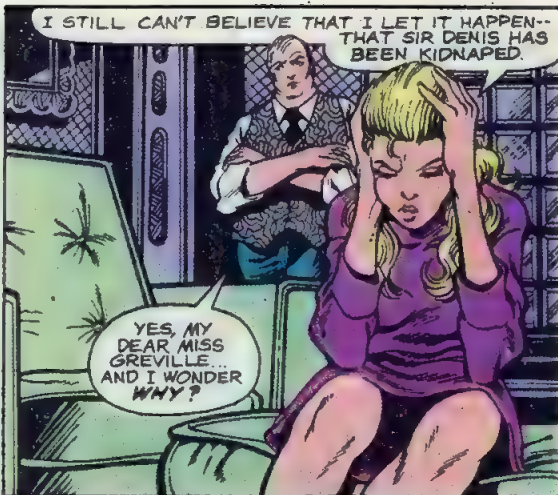


"-- SHOULD HAVE BEEN BORN IN THE MIDST OF THEIR PREPARATIONS

"THE VISIONS DID NOT SOOTHE ME. A COLD FURY SEEMED TO BURN FROM MY PORES. THE SERPENTS SLID FROM MY SKIN, AND SILENTLY, SLICKLY FLED



I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THAT I LET IT HAPPEN-- THAT SIR DENIS HAS BEEN KIDNAPED.

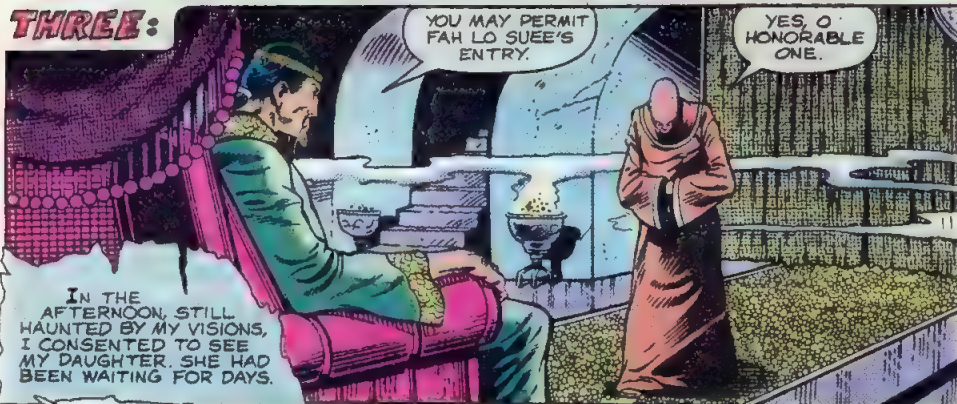


YES, MY DEAR MISS GREVILLE... AND I WONDER WHY?

THREE:

YOU MAY PERMIT FAH LO SUEE'S ENTRY.

YES, O HONORABLE ONE.



IN THE AFTERNOON, STILL HAUNTED BY MY VISIONS, I CONSENTED TO SEE MY DAUGHTER. SHE HAD BEEN WAITING FOR DAYS.

SO, MY DAUGHTER, YOU HAVE FAILED ON YOUR OWN--

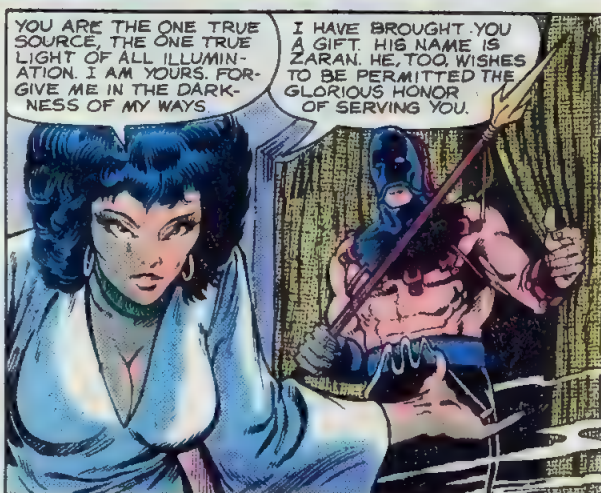


--AND NOW YOU BEG TO EMBRACE THE FOLD YOU HAVE ATTEMPTED TO DESTROY.

YES, CELESTIAL FATHER, IF YOU WILL BUT PARDON MY BASE TREACHERY.

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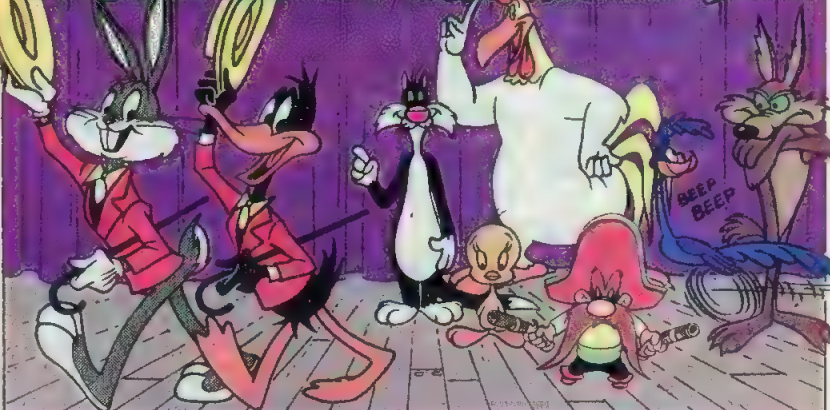
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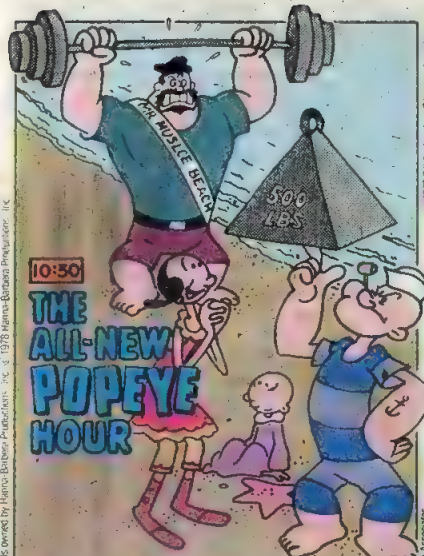
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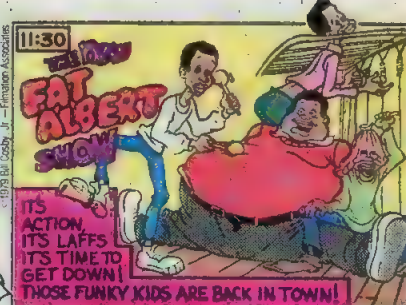


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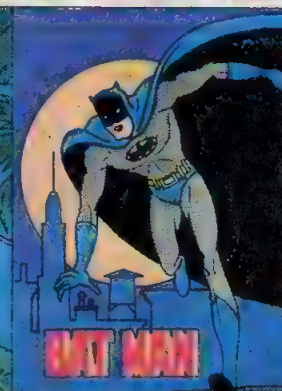
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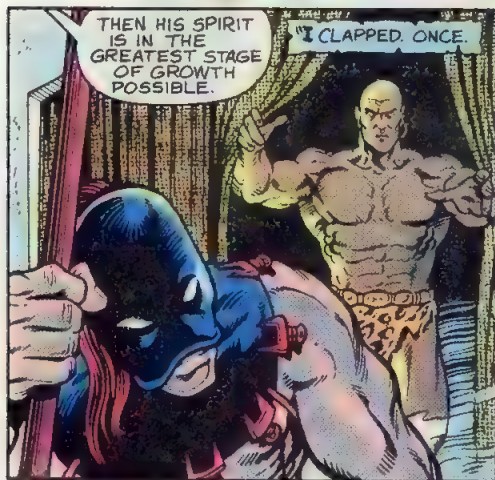
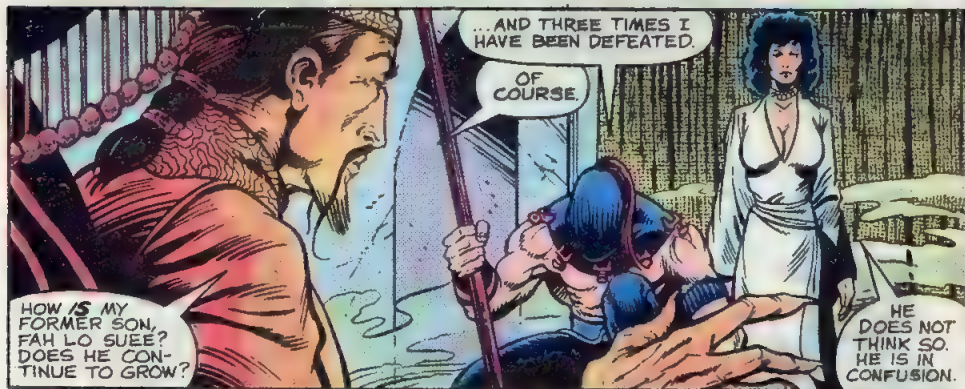
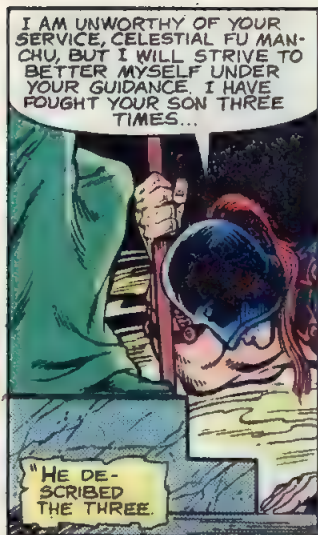
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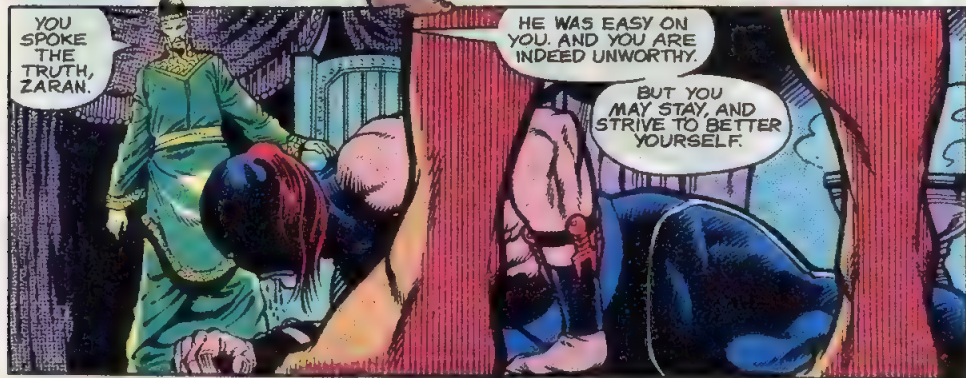
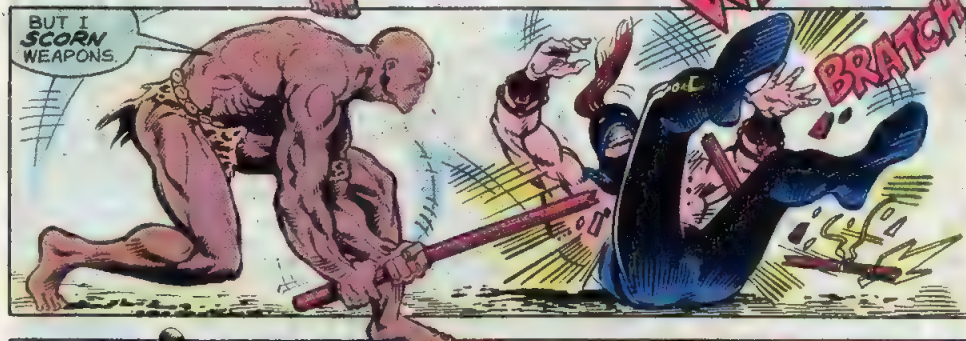
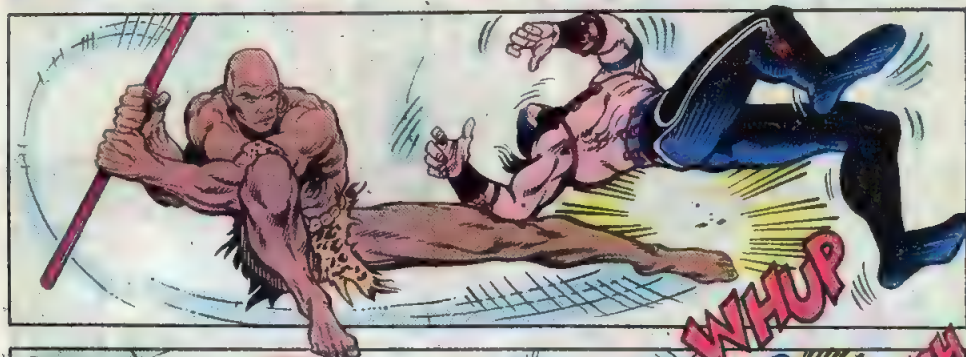
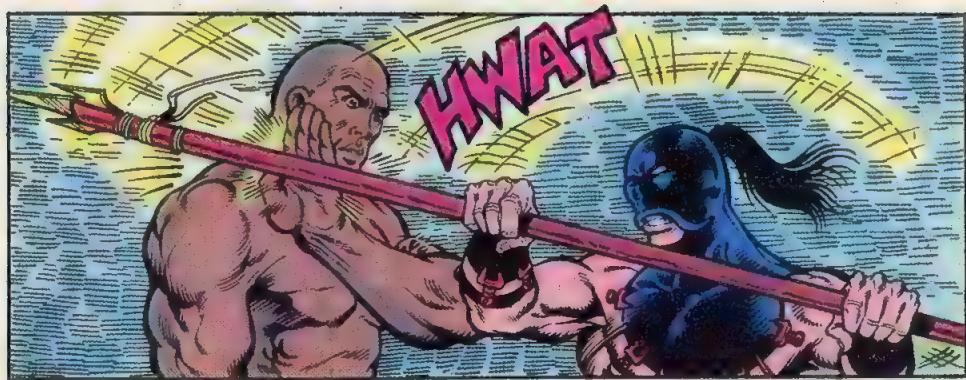
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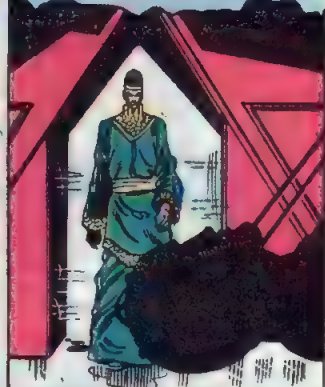
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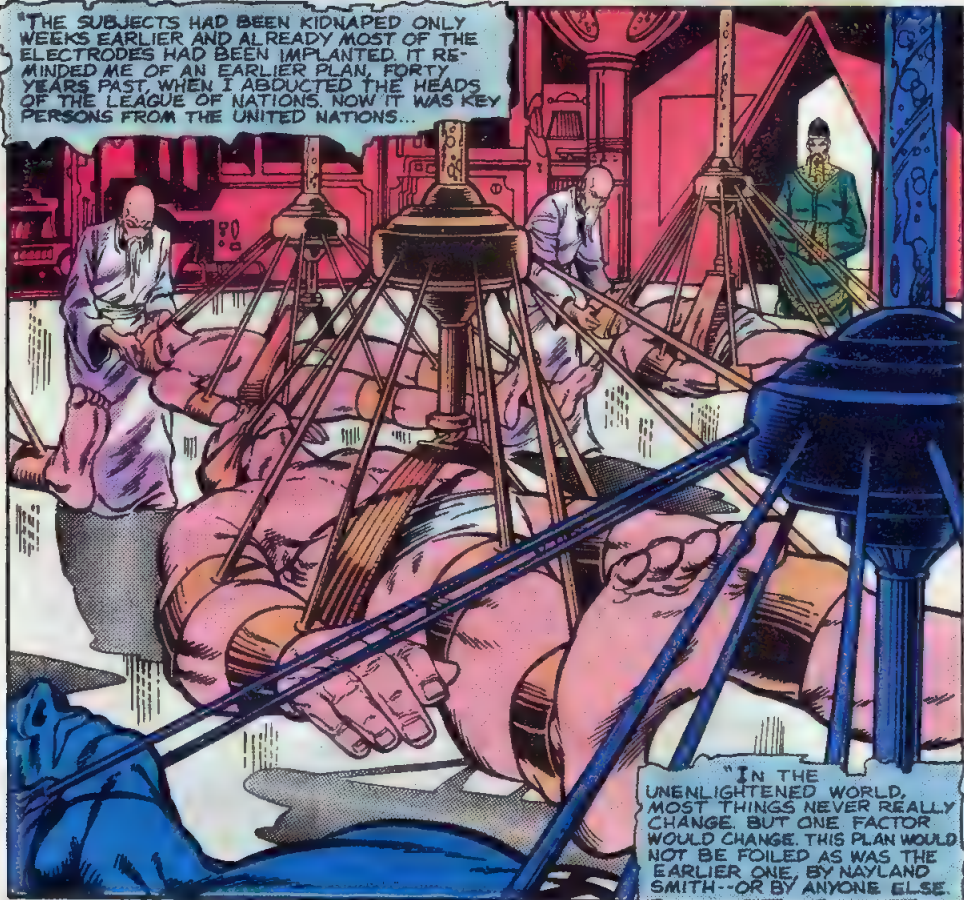


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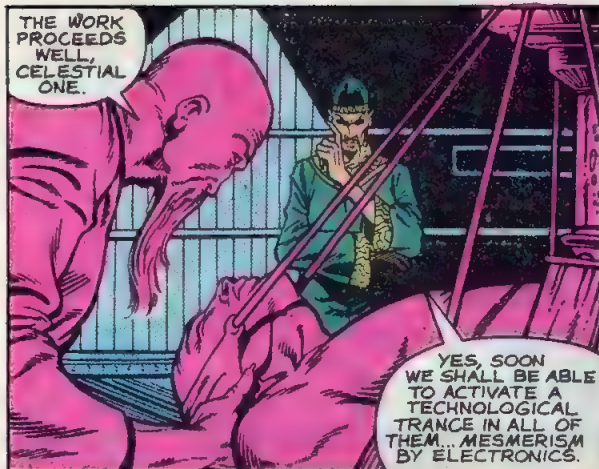
"NEAR EVENING, I INSPECTED THE WORK OF MY SCIENTIST-SAVANTS. THE PROGRESS WAS EXCELLENT."



"THE SUBJECTS HAD BEEN KIDNAPED ONLY WEEKS EARLIER AND ALREADY MOST OF THE ELECTRODES HAD BEEN IMPLANTED. IT REMINDED ME OF AN EARLIER PLAN, FORTY YEARS PAST, WHEN I ABDUCTED THE HEADS OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS. NOW IT WAS KEY PERSONS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS..."



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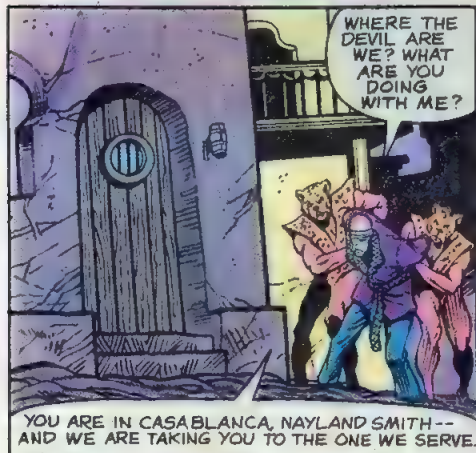


THE WORK
PROCEEDS
WELL,
CELESTIAL
ONE.

YES, SOON
WE SHALL BE ABLE
TO ACTIVATE A
TECHNOLOGICAL
TRANCE IN ALL OF
THEM... MESMERISM
BY ELECTRONICS.



AND SOON THE MOST IMPORTANT
SUBJECT SHALL ARRIVE...



WHERE THE
DEVIL ARE
WE? WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
WITH ME?

YOU ARE IN CASABLANCA, NAYLAND SMITH--
AND WE ARE TAKING YOU TO THE ONE WE SERVE.

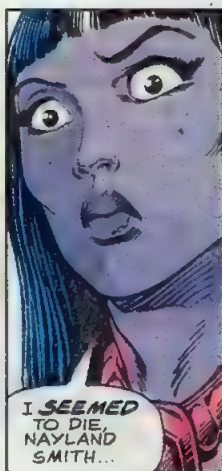


THE ONE YOU
SERVE--? BUT
WHO IS --EH?

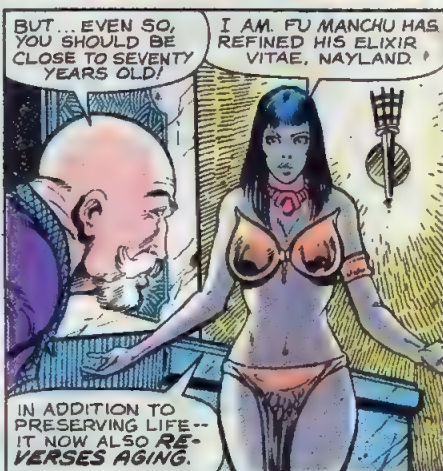


GOOD
LORD!

I... I DON'T BELIEVE
IT! KARAMENAH!
BUT YOU... YOU DIED!



I SEEMED
TO DIE,
NAYLAND
SMITH...



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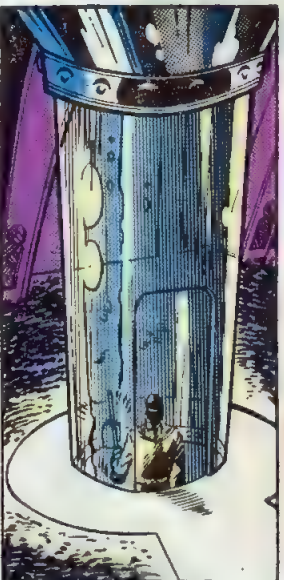
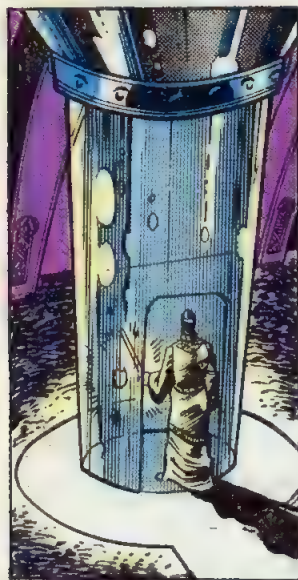
"AT MIDNIGHT, THINKING OF THE GOLDEN DAWN, I ENTERED THE JUNGLE... AND HEARD SMALL BABIES CRYING IN THE DARK.



"BUT I KNEW IT WAS MERELY MY MIND, STILL HAUNTED BY THE HATED VISION. THESE THINGS HAPPEN, EVEN TO ME.



"WHERE THE WAY BRANCHED, I TOOK THE LEFT-HAND PATH...



"I SPOKE THE WORDS...

ORIENTIS
ILLUMINATA!

"...AND CAST THE
GOLD UPON
THE WATER.

"THE SIGNAL
WAS PASSED
DOWN, BURNING
COLOR.

"THEY RECEIVED
THE SIGNAL AND
RESPONDED
PERFECTLY.

"GAZING AT THEM, I WAS FILLED WITH A NEW
SENSE OF CONFIDENCE. IT WAS A GOOD DAY
OVERALL. ALL PHASES OF THE MASTER PLAN ARE
PROGRESSING WELL--THE ARMY, THE KIDNAPED
FUTURE INFILTRATORS, AND NOW THE SHOCK-IMAGES
FACED WITH THEIR STRANGE BEAUTY, MY EARLIER
VISION LOST ITS POWER
TO HAUNT...

"I SPOKE TO THE SHOCK-
IMAGES...

ENLIGHTENMENT AND ILLUMINATION
HAVE BEEN AT A DARK STANDSTILL
FOR TOO LONG. MYSTICISM HAS LARGELY
FAILED, AS HAS SCIENCE, AND SO IT IS
TIME TO FORGE A NEW PATH COMBIN-
ING ELEMENTS OF THE OLD WAYS.

BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hoo boy! Looks like I did it again! I've been so excited about our new, upcoming mag, EPIC, that I tried to clue you in to our progress as much as possible here in the Soapbox. And, judging by your enthusiastic mail, I could tell you eagerly shared the excitement. However, some letters of complaint have been trickling in, reminding me that I had pledged not to hawk any products in this column, and now I seem to be disregarding that promise! So, I'm telling you forthwith that the last thing I wanted to do was lay a huckster bit on you, honest! I considered the news about EPIC to be the most interesting, heaviest info I could give you; and I also figured you'd be hoping mad if our newest and most important publication were to go on sale without your being notified well in advance. Anyway, here's what I'm leading up to...

It's time for another maniacal Marvel poll! If you can spare a minute or two, I'd really appreciate your sending us a card or letter telling whether you'd like to continue reading notices of upcoming projects here in the Soapbox, or if you'd

rather I wax eloquent about any ol' subject that can't possibly be considered as shilling for your shekels. As usual, the valiant voices of Marveldom Assembled will give us our orders, and we'll tell you what your cumulative verdict is as soon as Irving Forbush can tabulate the votes.

Of course, you know what sly little devils we are. Even if I don't mention E-C anymore (see? I didn't even write out the whole name!), you can bet that Jaunty Jimmy Shooter will toss ■ atcha in some other scintillatin' sections of these pandemonious pages. Anyway, you can relax for next ish, 'cause when we meet again I've got a whole new subject to hit you with. I've been out here in Hollywood, California for the past few weeks, and I'm really bustin' to clue you in on some of our upcoming movie and tv projects!

So, till later, keep cool and hang loose. Howie may be a duck, but never a goose!

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! Wow! How time flies when you're having fun! Did you know that some forty years ago, give or take a month, the very first Marvel comic went on sale? **MARVEL COMICS #1**, the cover of which is reproduced below, featured a bunch of nifty new characters, among them the **SUB-MARINER**, the **ANGEL**, and the **HUMAN TORCH**! It seems like only yesterday (well, maybe like last week). Anyway, Marvel Comics is still hanging in there, bigger, better and stronger than ever, carrying on the proud tradition begun by Carl Burgos, Paul Gustavson, Bill Everett and other folks, and a word to the wise, friends — you ain't seen *nothin'* yet!



ITEM! Along those nostalgic lines, it just so happens that this month Simon & Schuster is releasing its latest collection of super hero adventures featuring the best of **CAPTAIN AMERICA** — including the very first comics story ever written by Stan Lee, back in 1943. (If Sly Stan is telling us the truth about his age these days, then he must have been only three years old back then!) Anyway, it's all classic stuff by the master himself and it's all in full glorious color, illustrated by Jack Kirby, Gene Colan, Jim Steranko and others. It's only \$12.95 in hardback, and just \$3.95 (a steal!) in paperback, for 128 big 7 x 10 pages of excitement, not to mention the snazzy cover painted by Dave Cockrum! Buzz on down to your favorite bookstore and grab one, friend — and tell the clerk that Nick Fury sent you. After about a hundred folks tell him that, he'll think *he's* the one who's crazy!

ITEM! *Secrets-behind-the-comics-department:* Did you know that writer-editor Archie Goodwin not only scripts our widely acclaimed **STAR WARS** comic, but actually provides ace artist Carmine Infantino with rough sketches of the action in every single panel? No wonder they call him artful Archie! Did you know that **MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE** co-scripters Mark Gruenwald and Ralph Macchio actually write alternating pages of the same story? We can't tell which pages are whose — can you? — A no-price

to the fan who spots some stylistic clue that provides a sure-fire way to tell Gruenwald from Macchio. Ooops! Well, whatever. Did you know that in certain high professional circles Editor Roger Stern is regarded as the best in the business at *placing word balloons*? Now you do!

ITEM! Just the other day a couple of members of the hot new rock group *Susan* dropped by the old Bullpen to hobnob with their buddy, Assistant Editor Jim Salicrup and to check out our operation. Overwhelmed (well, maybe just whelmed) by the sheer splendor of *Mighty Marvel* were Charles Leland, lead guitar and Mick Leland, drums. Their first album, entitled *Falling In Love Again*, was just recently released and it's bound to be a smash! Best of luck, troops!

MICRONAUTS ARE ON SALE MONTHLY!



ITEM! Occasionally, we've been told, we tend to brag just a bit when we're writing eloquent over our latest works of wonder. Now of course, that's not true, but just to satisfy those few critics, this month we're going to tell you what's coming up with modesty and decorum: **SPIDER-WOMAN #21** portrays a rather dramatic turnabout in the life of our heroine. A whole new cast of characters is introduced, all of whom we feel you'll find interesting. We humbly suspect that, perhaps, some people might feel that this issue will eventually become a collector's item. **MASTER OF KUNG FU #83** contains an amiable tale. It is of some note that *Fu Manchu* returns therein. In addition, we feel that the art and writing are deftly done. **MICRONAUTS #12** is reasonably nice, in that it adequately portrays a life-or-death battle between *Prince Acroyear* and his decidedly evil brother *Shaitan*. We would also like to recommend **MACHINE MAN #12**, **GHOST RIDER #39**, which is now monthly, by the way, and **DR. STRANGE #38** which is the first issue by new scripter Chris Claremont. Space does not permit us to extoll the various virtues of these issues, however, we feel that they are worth their purchase price. All of the above, by the way, are on sale now! There! Satisfied? You don't know how *hard* that was, since we're really excited enough about the preceding issues to light up the sky! We can't wait till next month to get back to brag — oops! er, normal! See ya!

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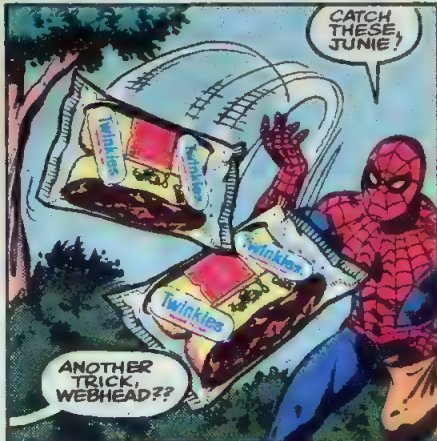
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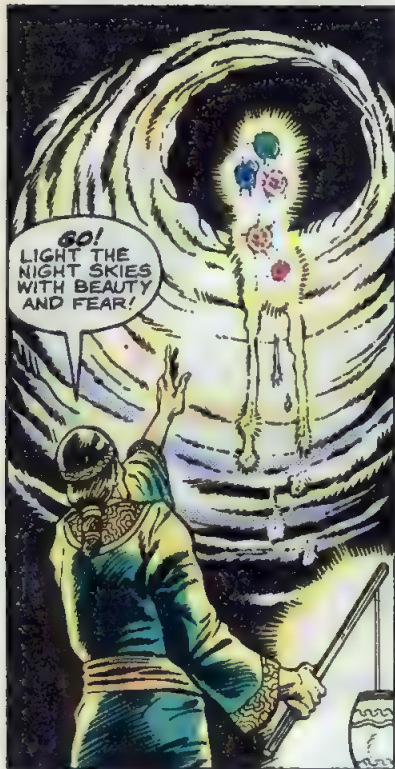
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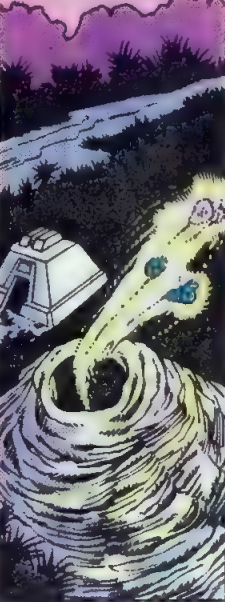


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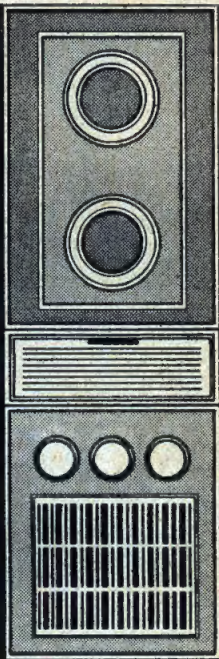
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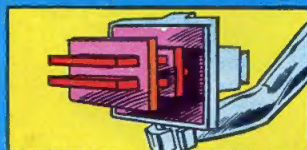
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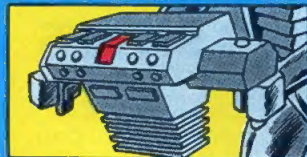
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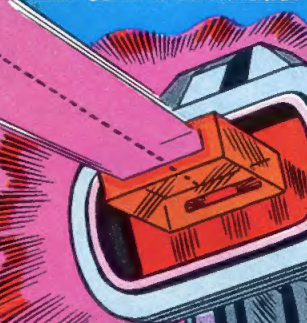
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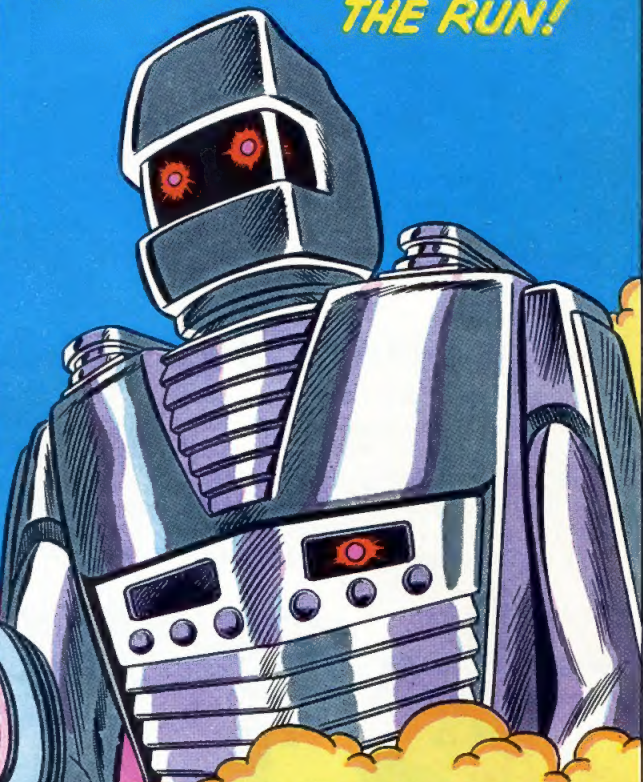
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